GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY
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EXCESS EXPENDITURE
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Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government propose to undertake a thorough review of DoT budgetary systems so as to avoid excess expenditure and violation of budgetary ceilings;

(b) the details of excess expenditure made during 1998-1999,1999-2000 and 2000-2001; and

(c) the steps taken by the Government to ensure that no excess expenditure is incurred in future?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (SHRI TAPAN SIKDA)

(a) to (c): There was an excess of Rs. 300.85 crores in expenditure under Revenue (Voted) section in the year 1998-1999. The same was due to appropriation of the revenue surplus to Reserve Funds, which is not expenditure in the real sense and does not involve any cash outgo . However, there was no excess expenditure during 1999-2000 and 2000-2001 .

The budgeting system of the Department of Telecommunication has been completely revamped consequent upon corporatisation of the service providing functions of the Department and the formation of Bharat Sanchar Nigam Limited w.e.f. 1-10-2000.The revenue and expenditure from operations now form part of the Company`s accounts and are no longer a part of the DOT`s budget.